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Notice of Allowability

Application No.
09/149,629

Applicant(s)
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Examiner
Jordan M. Schwartz

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2873



All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

☒ This communication is responsive to amendment received 3/18/99

☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-33

☒ The drawings filed on Sep 8, 1998 are acceptable.

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE to comply with the requirements noted below is set to EXPIRE **THREE MONTHS** FROM THE "DATE MAILED" of this Office action. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

☐ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS

☐ because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.

☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. _____

☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on _____, which has been approved by the examiner.

☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

Attachment(s)

☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). 4

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

☒ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

Georgia Epps
Supervisory Patent Examiner
Technology Center 2800

Examiner's Amendment/Reasons for Allowance/Examiner's Comment

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Michael A. Cantor on September 1, 1999.

The application has been amended as follows:

1. Claim 1, line 8, delete "zero power" and insert therein --plano optics--;
2. Claim 1, line 9, after "material" insert --, is distanced from the surface of an eye when worn,--;
3. Claim 17, line 8, delete "zero power" and insert therein --plano optics--;
4. Claim 17, line 9, after "material" insert --, is distanced from the surface of an eye when worn,--.

Reasons For Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: none of the prior art either alone or in combination disclose or teach the claimed combination of limitations to warrant a rejection under 35 USC 102 or 103. Specifically, with respect to independent claim 1, although prior art lenses are known in which a first surface comprises a section of a 3-dimensional shape

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defined by rotating an aspheric shape about an axis, which axis is not an axis of said aspheric shape and which is offset from an axis of said aspheric shape and having a second surface which, together with the first surface, provide the lens correction, none of the prior art either alone or in combination disclose or teach of such a lens in which the lens provides plano optics, is formed of polymeric material, and is distanced from the surface of an eye when worn with an overall size to provide protective shielding. With respect to independent claim 17, although prior art lenses are known in which a first surface comprises a section of a 3-dimensional shape defined by rotating an ellipse about an axis which is coplanar, parallel to, and offset from an axis of the ellipse and having a second surface which, together with the first surface, provide the lens correction, none of the prior art either alone or in combination disclose or teach of such a lens in which the lens provides plano optics, is formed of polymeric material, and is distanced from the surface of an eye when worn with an overall size to provide protective shielding.

Examiner's Comment

The information disclosure statement filed 3/18/99 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) because it does not include a concise explanation of the relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56© most knowledgeable about the content of the information, of each patent listed that is not in the English language. The crossed-out references referred to therein have not been considered.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

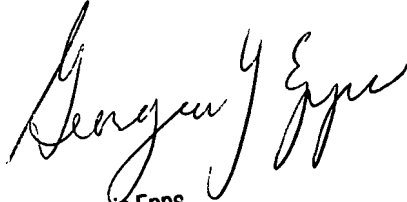
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fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jordan Schwartz whose telephone number is (703) 308-1286.

Jordan Schwartz

September 2, 1999


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